

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A rail and supported panel assembly comprising:
a first rail portion and a second rail portion, ~~each~~ the first rail portion having a constant cross section ~~and, the cross section defining an a first~~ elongate recessed channel ~~on in an a first~~ underside of the first rail portion, the second rail portion having a constant cross section and defining a second elongate recessed channel in a second underside of the second rail portion;

a panel supported at a top edge thereof within ~~the recessed channel of either one of the first and second rail portions~~ recessed channel;

a first post for supporting the first and second rail portions, a hollow within the first post defined by internal walls; and

a rail-to-post connection assembly located between the first post and the first and second rails, the connection assembly having:

a pair of partially overlapping arms, a first arm fitting wholly or substantially within the first recessed channel of the first rail portion, and a second arm fitting wholly or substantially within the second recessed channel of the second rail portion; ~~and~~

a primary fastener having a shaft, the shaft passing through a hole within an overlapping portion of each of the arms thereby providing a pivot about which the arms can be adjusted, ~~the shaft extending into the post so as to secure the arms with respect to the post;~~ adjusted to accommodate a range of first and second rail portion alignment angles; and

22 ~~wherein the arms are movable with respect to each other about the pivot to~~
~~accommodate a range of first and second rail portion alignment angles.~~

a removable insert shaped to fit at least partially within the hollow of the
2 post, the insert comprising an upper portion defining a through hole and a lower separate
portion defining a threaded hole for receiving a thread on the shaft of the primary
4 fastener, the through hole and the shaft being sized to provide clearance between the
though hole and the shaft, the upper and lower portions of the insert having facing
6 inclined faces that slide relative to each other when forced together by tightening of the
primary fastener thereby causing the insert to grip the internal walls of the post;
8 wherein the position of each of the arms is lockable with respect to the insert and
the insert is lockable with respect to the internal walls of the post by a single action of
10 tightening the primary fastener.

2 2. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The assembly according to claim 1 further
2 comprising secondary fasteners connecting each of the arms to the respective rail portion
to which the arm is fitted.

 3. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The assembly according to claim 2 wherein the
2 secondary fasteners are rivets, each rivet penetrating though the arm up to the respective
rail portion to which the arm is fitted.

4-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A rail-to-post connection assembly for connecting a hollow post to a rail or a pair of rails, a hollow within the post defined by internal walls, the connection assembly having:

a pair of partially overlapping arms;

an insert shaped to fit partially or wholly within the hollow of the post;

a primary fastener having a shaft, the shaft passing through a hole within an overlapping portion of each of the arms into the insert thereby providing a pivot about which the arms can be adjusted to accommodate a range of alignment angles for connection to the rail or rails; and

~~a locking means~~ lock for locking the insert to the post, the ~~locking means~~ lock comprising an upper portion of the insert defining a through hole and a separate lower portion of the insert defining a threaded hole for receiving a thread on the shaft, the through hole and the shaft being sized to provide relative clearance; clearance between the through hole and the shaft, the upper and lower portions of the insert having facing inclined faces that slide relative to each other when forced together by tightening of the primary fastener thereby causing the insert to grip the internal walls of the post;

wherein the position of each of the arms is lockable with respect to the insert and the insert is lockable with respect to the internal walls of the post by a single action of tightening the primary fastener.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The rail-to-post connection assembly according to claim 7-wherein whereby when the upper and lower portions of the insert ~~join at~~ inclined engaging faces that slide relative to each other when forced together by

4 tightening of the primary fastener, ~~so as to cause~~ the sliding causes lateral movement of
the upper portion of the insert relative to the lower portion and the insert to grip the
6 internal walls thereby.

2 9. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The rail-to-post connection assembly according
to claim 8 wherein the primary fastener is a threaded bolt having a head that recesses
within the uppermost of the two ~~arm~~ arms.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The rail-to-post connection assembly according
to claim 9 wherein each of the arms defines at least one fastener hole for receiving a
secondary fastener.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The rail-to-post connection assembly according
to claim 10 wherein the holes are shaped to receive a countersunk rivet or screw.

12-14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The assembly according to ~~claim 14~~ claim 1
further comprising a locking member for locking the connection assembly to the first
post, the locking member comprising the insert, wherein the locking member is actuated
4 by the primary fastener to grip the internal walls.

16-17. (Cancelled)

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18. (New) The assembly according to claim 1, wherein tightening of the
2 primary fastener causes lateral movement of the upper and lower portions of the insert
relative to each other, so that each portion grips the internal wall of the post.